

Highlights

- ✓ The budget funds two additional Police beats, for a total of 38 beats in Wichita.
- ✓ The budget eliminated two administrative commissioned positions and two clerical positions.
- ✓ Four Records Section clerks and eliminated in 2004, based on anticipated efficiencies of the new Public Safety computer system.

The mission of the Police Department is to improve the quality of life in the community by providing professional and ethical public safety services in partnership with citizens, so as to identify, prevent and solve the problems of crime, fear of crime, social disorder and neighborhood decay.

Overview

The Police Department seeks to maintain a safe environment for all residents of Wichita. A safe environment is achieved through aggressive crime prevention activities, diligent community policing and neighborhood involvement, swift response to calls for service, and determined criminal investigation and apprehension activities. Services are provided to each neighborhood beat by six police officers and one specially trained community police officer.



Each of the thirty-eight patrol beats has an assigned beat community police officer. This officer acts in the role of the beat coordinator, interacting directly with the community in an effort to tailor police services to meet each neighborhood's specific needs.

The Department is organized into three Divisions: Field Services, Investigations and Support Services. Patrol officers in the Field Services Division work from four patrol bureaus in Wichita, each with a community police sub-station. In addition to beat officers and community policing officers, each bureau in Field Services includes a Special Community Action Team (SCAT), as well as a cadre of School Resource Officers engaged in prevention and mentoring activities at local schools.

The Investigations Division is responsible for follow-up after a crime has been reported and is organized functionally around

types of criminal activity to facilitate officer specialization and coordination. Bureaus include: Persons Crimes, which investigates murder, rape, and gang related offenses; Property Crimes, which works cases involving larceny, robbery, burglary, auto theft, forgery and fraud; and a Special Investigations Bureau which focuses on narcotics, prostitution and alcohol offenses. The Division also operates the Police Laboratory and the Property and Evidence facility, which provides evidence collection, analysis and storage services.

The Support Services Division performs many ancillary activities. The Special Services Bureau includes Community Affairs, School Liaison, Fiscal Affairs and Court Liaison sections. The Records Bureau includes SPIDER and data control sections. The Training Bureau is responsible for in-service and recruit training at both the Training Center and the Firearms Range. The Special Operations Bureau coordinates the activities of the Air Section, the Bomb Squad, Honor Guard, Police Reserves, Chaplains, and the Mounted Unit.

Finance and Operations

The Police budget funds 642 commissioned positions, including the 141 added since 1995 as part of the Public Safety Initiative. Police Department personnel is financed primarily from the General Fund; currently only one commissioned position is grant funded. Some costs are offset by revenues, including reimbursements from the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office for a small portion of SPIDER costs and reimbursements from the State of Kansas for training center costs.

Police Grant Resources

	2002	2003	2004
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	\$303	\$290	\$0
Narcotics Seizure Funds	548	285	0
COPS Technology grant	1,139	358	0
Victims of Crime Assistance	139	110	92
Internet Crimes grant	0	93	0
School Resource Officers	350	178	0
Other grants	32	156	0
Total Grant Resources	\$2,511	\$1,470	\$92

Police Department operations are financed in part with grant funds, typically for equipment and supplies. As shown in the

table, nearly \$1.5 million is expected from grants in 2003. The department has received Local Law Enforcement grant funding for five years – this grant funds overtime and equipment. Narcotic Seizure funds are used to finance specific narcotics related investigation expenditures and other equipment. The Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) grant funds two civilian staff that provide assistance to crime victims, particularly the elderly and violent crime victims. Eight School Resource Officers have been grant funded, but these funded expired in July 2003.



Patrol services are provided through four Police sub-stations, located in each quadrant of the City. Over 100 officers work from each sub-station. In addition, various other community police offices are used throughout the City, including Mini-City Hall locations.

Field Services Division Basic Police response is provided from the Field Services Division. Police substations - one in each quadrant of Wichita - are staffed 24-hours a day by a “badge on the floor,” providing residents around-the-clock access to police assistance. Each substation serves as an office for over 100 police officers assigned to the Bureau. In addition, satellite offices have been established, typically through partnerships with the private sector and other public agencies. With police presence in the four Neighborhood City Halls, which opened in 2001, citizens have even more access to police services.

Patrol activities are organized at the beat level. Currently, the City is divided into 38 beats with each beat having six officers and a community police officer that respond to neighborhood needs. During the last eight years, a significant expansion of police services was undertaken, initially establishing community policing in selected beats. The impressive results of the trial program led to community policing Citywide. During the increase in commissioned strength from 1995 through 1998, the City defrayed a significant portion of the costs by utilizing federal grant dollars. However, the federal grants supporting beat officers expired July 2000, increasing the level of General Fund dollars needed to support the Police Department.

Field Services personnel focus on pro-active (crime prevention activities) and re-active (responding promptly to calls for service) functions. The effectiveness can be measured in a

variety of ways. Average response time along with the crime rate measures is used to evaluate the effectiveness of field services personnel.

Community Policing – SCAT. Police services are tailored to meet the specific needs of a particular beat through community police officers. Although the community policing philosophy is pervasive throughout the organization, each beat community police officer serves as a direct and easily identifiable link between neighborhood residents and the Police Department. The opening of the Neighborhood City Halls has served to strengthen this link between citizens and their community police officers.

The community policing efforts of the Wichita Police Department have been recognized twice by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The prestigious Webber Seavey Award was presented to Wichita in 1996 and 2003. Both awards were in recognition of community policing efforts. Each of the four patrol bureaus has nine officers forming a SCAT. Teams direct efforts to improving the quality of neighborhoods by emphasizing police enforcement at specific areas of suspected criminal activity. The teams are often used to provide an additional police presence, supplementing beat officers.

Traffic. Each patrol bureau has traffic officers dedicated to traffic concerns. The officers focus on DUI enforcement, as well as accident investigation and routine traffic ordinance enforcement. In addition, a centralized unit is included in the Support Services Division staffed with detectives who conduct follow-up investigations on all hit and run accidents and investigate fatalities.

To increase the effectiveness of traffic control, civilian traffic investigators were replaced by commissioned officers that, in addition to accident investigation, also enforce traffic ordinances and respond to other calls for service. To decrease traffic accidents and fatalities, additional radar units have been purchased and are available for marked patrol cars. The additional radar units will effectively quadruple the number of radar-equipped officers.

Selected Performance Measures – Police Field Services

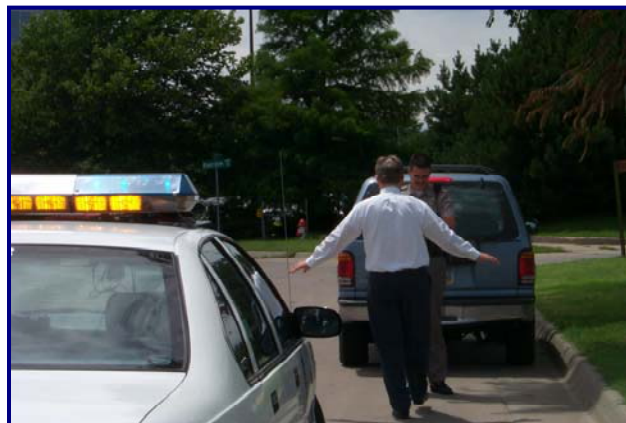
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total UCR* Part 1** crimes per 1,000 population	66	69	71	69	69
Average response time for emergency calls	4.4	4.7	5.6	5.0	5.0
Total UCR property crimes per 1,000 population	61	62	64	62	62

* Uniform Crime Reporting

** Part 1 crimes include murder, rape, robbery and assault.

Selected Service Level Measures – Traffic Enforcement					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Traffic fatalities	10	29	31	15	15
Traffic injury accidents	3,126	3,299	2,998	2,750	2,750
Injury accidents per 1,000 population	9.25	9.58	8.71	8.50	8.50
Moving citations	73,699	60,404	75,305	90,000	90,000
Citations per 1,000 population	214	175	218	262	262
DUI arrests	2,413	2,312	2,130	2,500	2,500
DUI arrests per 1,000 population	7.03	6.72	6.19	7.29	7.29

To address enforcement efforts at high-risk locations, the department has implemented the NOTE (Neighborhood Oriented Traffic Enforcement) system. The NOTE system, using computer analysis on accident and fatality information,



The Wichita Police Department targets drunk drivers in an effort to reduce traffic fatalities. Traffic officers perform DUI enforcement from the four police bureaus.

focuses on enforcement and deterrence activities. Traffic officers also respond to complaints by conducting traffic enforcement activities in response to citizen suggestions.

School Resource Officers. Field Services personnel also staff the Department's School Resource Officer program. Twelve Officers are assigned to public high schools and middle schools in Wichita area. Eight of these positions are funded with federal grants, through July 2003. In addition to providing classroom curriculum, the officers serve as role models to youth, coordinating extra curricular activities that are often geared towards at-risk youth. The School Resource Officers, coupled with the School Liaison Officers working with elementary school students, increase the focus on prevention of criminal behavior by identifying at-risk youth and working with them to encourage positive behaviors.

The Investigations Division handles follow up investigation of criminal offenses. Investigations are conducted by more than 100 commissioned personnel; most are detectives. The

detectives are primarily organized into nine functional areas: Homicide, Sex Crimes, Gang/Felony Assault, Exploited and Missing Children, Auto Theft, Financial Crimes, Burglary, Robbery/Assault and Larceny. In addition, the department maintains Narcotics, Intelligence and Administrative sections. The Investigations Division is also responsible for the laboratory and the property and evidence facilities.

The Division focuses on the clearance of criminal offenses, which generally requires that a suspect be identified and/or that charges be filed against the suspect. Recent improvements in clearance rates are attributable to the increased number of detectives that were added through the Public Safety Initiative, as well as to the increased focus as a result of the reorganization of the Investigations Division. The reorganization led to increased specialization of detectives. In 2001, the improvements in the Investigations Division led to recognition of the Police Department as a finalist for the prestigious Weber Seavey Award for Quality in Law Enforcement. In 2003, based on data processing rate restructuring, additional computers were provided to Detectives to enhance their investigative capabilities.

Percent of Crimes Cleared – Police Investigations					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
UCR part 1 crimes	26%	24%	23%	24%	24%
UCR violent crimes	66%	66%	68%	68%	68%
UCR property crimes	23%	19%	18%	19%	19%

Persons Bureau. The budget funds 45 commissioned positions that investigate violent crimes, including homicides, assaults and rapes. Clearance rates in this area have increased dramatically in the past few years, as the section was reorganized. Officers were transferred from the Intelligence Section and assembled into a Gang/Felony Assault Team. In addition, specialization of investigate efforts has boosted the clearance rate. Staff also have teamed with Sheriff's officers and State of Kansas staff to form the Exploited and Missing Children Unit.

Selected Service Level Measures – Property and Persons					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Homicides cleared	82%	71%	80%	100%	100%
Rapes cleared	72%	77%	82%	100%	100%
Agg. Assaults cleared	76%	78%	83%	80%	80%
Auto Thefts	1,859	1,793	1,827	1,800	1,800
Auto Thefts cleared	21%	17%	17%	20%	20%
Burglaries	3,948	4,460	4,526	4,300	4,300
Burglaries cleared	14%	17%	12%	20%	20%

Property Bureau. Less violent, property crimes are investigated by the 47 commissioned officers assigned to this bureau. Property crimes include auto theft, larceny, burglary,

robbery and fraud. The Computer Crimes and the Financial Crimes Sections were established with grant funds. Between 1997 and 1999, grant funds were received to establish and train a two-person team to focus exclusively on the use of computers in criminal offenses.

As a final component of the Public Safety Initiative, six detectives were added to increase the focus on forgery, embezzlement, fraud and other financial crimes. These officers regularly present fraud alert and traveling con-man awareness programs to the community, and make presentations to the Wichita Area Retail Crime Council.

Special Investigations Bureau. To investigate vice and narcotic violations, the Department maintains a Special Investigations Bureau staffed with 32 positions (29 of which are commissioned). Included in the Bureau is an Intelligence Section, which monitors and attempts to locate and arrest the more violent criminal. The staff also work closely with the Gang/Felony Assault Unit and SCAT officers, as appropriate.

Police Laboratory. The Police Laboratory, a component of the Investigations Division, has 14 crime scene investigators and supervisors who focus on collecting evidence at crime scenes. Two photographers manage photographs of evidence, and two forensic examiners analyze latent fingerprints to identify suspects. The Department utilizes a terminal networked to the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) at the Kansas Bureau of Investigation headquarters in Topeka. AFIS has proven to be invaluable in solving crimes and identifying criminals, resulting in higher clearance rates.

The Property and Evidence section is staffed with seven positions and is responsible for storing and transporting all evidence. In 2002, two chemists were transferred from the Police Department to the County Forensic Science Center. With this transition, Sedgwick County began evidence-testing functions.

The Support Services Division provides a variety of services to the department. The Division is organized into four bureaus: Special Services, Records, Training and Special Operations. The Professional Standards section is also included in this Division.

Special Services includes Community Affairs, School Liaison, Fiscal Affairs and Court Liaison sections. The four officers assigned to Community Affairs focus on crime prevention and provide free security assessments to Wichita residents and businesses. The staff of five in the Fiscal Affairs section are responsible for payroll, budgeting and all other departmental financial matters. The Court Liaison section coordinates officer appearances in court to mitigate officer inconvenience and overtime. The School Liaison section works with children, teaching the DARE program to area 5th graders, as well as administering other prevention programs. During summer months, responsibilities include bicycle clinics. In 2002, the

Special Services Bureau assumed responsibility for the monitoring and the implementation of the City's false alarm ordinance.



An eager young bike rider practices slow speed handling skills under the watchful eye of a Wichita Police School Liaison Officer.

The Records Bureau's 74 civilian positions are divided into two sections. The SPIDER section provides informational support, typically via radio, to beat officers checking suspects for City warrants and other support. The remainder of the records staff provides clerical support in creating, transcribing and filing police cases. Report transcription has recently improved due to the investment in a new digital dictation system. The digital dictation system has improved the speed and effectiveness with which police reports are recorded and can subsequently, be accessed. In addition, the new Public Safety computer system and the associated imaging capabilities will further enhance the productivity of this function.

The Training Bureau coordinates recruit training, in-service training and firearms training for all department staff. In conjunction with the Sedgwick County Sheriff, the Police Department operates a Training Center in north Wichita. Expenses are generally split; 75% City, 25% County. The facility also functions as a back-up emergency communications center. Annually, an average of 40 police recruits are trained. Staff also coordinates over 25,000 hours of in-service training for commissioned personnel.

In 2002, the City Safety Office purchased a new driving simulator. Working closely with Police Training staff, the simulator has been utilized by Police to enhance recruit driving awareness, in an effort to reduce vehicle accident costs. The Training Bureau also provides firearms training at the Joint Law Enforcement Firearms Training Facility. Costs of the facility are shared equally between the Police Department and the Sedgwick County Sheriff. The facility provides both live fire and simulated firearms training.

The Professional Standards Bureau is staffed with three commissioned and one civilian position. Their primary

responsibility is to actively investigate citizen concerns regarding the delivery of Police services, to ensure that services are provided in a professional manner.

The Special Operations Bureau is responsible for the Air Section, the Accident Follow-up Unit, the Warrant Office and select units comprised of officers permanently assigned to other duties, such as the eight person Bomb Squad that handles ordnance disposal throughout the region; the highly trained Special Weapons and Tactics team of 15 officers available for high risk, violent or hostage situations; the 12-member honor guard that represents the department and City at special events; and the seven member Mounted Unit. In addition, the Bureau coordinates the chaplain program and the Reserve Unit, in which law enforcement trained civilians volunteer to augment Police Services.

The Air section currently operates a MD 500E Model turbine helicopter, purchased earlier in 2003. Three commissioned positions and one mechanic are assigned full-time to helicopter duty. The helicopter provides air support during automobile pursuits allowing ground officers to use less aggressive pursuit tactics. Other services include searching for fleeing suspects and missing persons.

The Mounted Unit provides crowd control services, particularly during the annual River Festival. The Mounted Unit has been



The Wichita Police Department patrols the skies over Wichita with a new MD 500E turbine helicopter, purchased in 2003. Here, the helicopter is shown on static display during the Airborne Law Enforcement Association conference hosted in Wichita in 2003.

utilized for patrolling the Old Town entertainment district and shopping centers during the holiday season

The Warrant Office works in close coordination with Planning and Research, SPIDER and the beat officers to apprehend persons with City warrants. The Warrant Office includes eight commissioned officers, in addition to civilian support staff. Annually, the Warrant Office serves over 12,000 warrants.

Police Department Budget Summary

	2002 Actual	2003 Adopted	2003 Revised	2004 Adopted	2005 Approved
Personal Services	42,973,028	46,090,970	45,286,300	47,541,530	49,048,050
Contractual Services	6,312,824	5,311,100	5,199,410	5,371,410	5,374,190
Commodities	768,150	727,080	1,045,500	712,420	726,770
Capital Outlay	924,723	0	187,310	0	0
Other	66,146	280,040	239,680	416,040	466,330
Total Police Dept. Expenditures	51,044,871	52,409,190	52,498,200	54,041,400	55,615,340
Other Grants	1,170,900	0	607,110	0	0
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	303,377	0	289,600	0	0
Narcotics Seizure Funds	547,657	0	285,240	0	0
COPS in Schools grant	349,552	93,350	177,600	0	0
Victims of Crime Assistant grant	139,456	72,760	109,980	91,920	0
General Fund	48,533,929	52,243,080	51,028,670	53,949,480	55,615,340
Total Police Dept. Resources	51,044,871	52,409,190	52,498,200	54,041,400	55,615,340
Total commissioned positions	646	645	643	642	642
Total full-time civilian positions	193	188	187	183	183
Total part-time civilian positions	4	4	4	4	4
Total FTE positions	841	835	832	827	827



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(Kellogg & Rock Road)
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Simon Property Group
Benefits: Simon Youth Foundation

“Boing, Boing”

Artist: Mark Walker
Where: Hillcrest Bank
7701 E. Kellogg
Sponsor: Hillcrest Bank
Benefits: Inter-Faith Ministries

